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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL ELECTS 16 MEM-
BER TO UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL

1. SUMMARY: THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL ON MAY 11, ELECTED
PARTLY BY ACCLAMATION AND PARTLY BY SECRET BALLOT, 16 MEMBERS
TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME (UNDP). END SUMMARY.

2. DETAILS OF ELECTIONS. SIXTEEN STATES WERE ELECTED TO
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THE 48-MEMBER UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM
BEGINNING 1 JANUARY 1978. ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION WERE THREE
AFRICAN STATES, THE IVORY COAST, KENYA AND SENEGAL; THREE
LATIN AMERICAN STATES, ARGENTINA, ECUADOR AND TRINIDAD AND
TOBAGO; AND TWO SOCIALIST STATES OF EASTERN EUROPE,
CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND POLAND.

3. ELECTED BY SECRET BALLOT TO THE THREE SEATS ALLOTTED TO THE GROUP OF ASIAN STATES WERE INDONESIA (42 VOTES), JORDAN (40) AND DEMOCRATIC YEMEN (37). FIJI, WITH 34 VOTES WAS NOT ELECTED. ELECTED BY SECRET BALLOT TO THE FIVE SEATS ALLOTTED TO THE GROUP OF WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES WERE FINLAND (46 NOTES), SPAIN (45), THE NETHERLANDS (43), SWITZERLAND (41) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (40). TURKEY RECEIVED 32 VOTES AND WAS NOT ELECTED.

4. AS A RESULT OF THE ELECTION, THE 1978 MEMBERSHIP OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL IS AS FOLLOWS: ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, BURUNDI, CANADA, COLOMBIA, CONGO, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, DENMARK, ECUADOR, FINLAND, FRANCE, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, GUINEA, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, ITALY, IVORY COAST, JAPAN, JORDAN, KENYA, KUWAIT, MADAGASCAR, MALI, MEXICO, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, POLAND, ROMANIA, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, SPAIN, SWAZILAND, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, THAILAND, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TUNISIA, USSR, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES AND YEMEN.

5. STATES DUE TO LEAVE THE GOVEERNING COUNCIL WHEN THEIR TERM EXPIRES AT THE END OF THE YEAR ARE BENIN, BULGARIA, CHINA, GUYANA, MALAWI, MALTA, THE NIGER, PERU AND SRI LANKA.

6. BEFORE THE BALLOTING, GEORGE PAPOULIAS (GREECE), SUPPORTED BY PORTUGAL, MALTA, SPAIN AND TURKEY, NOTED THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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SPAIN AND TURKEY WERE CANDIDATES FOR TWO OF THE FIVE SEATS ALLOCATED TO THE GROUP OF WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES. HE SAID THEY HAD THE SUPPORT OF THAT GROUP'S MEDITERRANEAN SUB-GROUP (GREECE, MALTA, PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND TURKEY), WHICH WAS UNDERREPRESENTED ON THE UNDP COUNCIL.

7. TRYGVE GJESDAL (NORWAY), SPEAKING ALSO FOR DENMARK, SUPPORTED THE CANDIDATURE OF FINLAND FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE SEAT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL NORMALLY HELD BY A NORDIC COUNTRY.

8. COMMENT: IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT CHINA DID NOT SEE FIT TO STAND FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

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